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OBJECTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT AND OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS

the specification of which is attached.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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